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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, KU  
SUBJECT: AMIR'S HEALTH: MEDIA COVERAGE

REF: KUWAIT 5922 (NOTAL)

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1. KUWAIT TIMES DEC. 27 REPORTS THAT CROWN PRINCE SHAIKH JABER AL-AHMAD PERSONALLY PRESIDED AT START OF REGULAR SUNDAY CABINET MEETING ASSURED CABINET THAT HEALTH OF AMIR IS FINE, THAT HE HAS LEFT LONDON HOSPITAL FOR HIS ESTATE OUTSIDE LONDON, AND THAT AN (UNNAMED) AMERICAN SPECIALIST HAS BEEN CALLED IN TO ATTEND THE AMIR.

2. PRESS REPORTS DEC. 26 CARRY STATEMENTS BY DEFENSE AND INTERIOR MINISTER SHAIKH SA'AD AL-ABDALLAH, BACK FROM VISITING AMIR IN LONDON, TO EFFECT THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM ABOUT AMIR'S HEALTH. SHAIKH SA'AD ALSO SAID, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, THAT "WE DO NOT YET KNOW IF THE AMIR NEEDS SURGERY OF ANY  
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3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD AMBASSADOR DEC. 27 THAT AMERICAN PHYSICIAN PREVIOUSLY CONSULTED BY AMIR HAD BEEN CALLED TO LONDON, BUT THAT AMIR WAS GETTING ALONG WELL.

4. COMMENT: THE AMIR'S ILL HEALTH IS AN OLD STORY TO KUWAITIS WHO ARE NOT MANIFESTING ALARM AT CURRENT CHAPTER. SINCE QUESTION OF AMIR'S SUCCESSOR IS BELIVED FIRMLY SETTLED, EVEN DRAMATIC TURN FOR WORSE IN AMIR'S CONDITION WOULD PROBABLY NOT CAUSE GREAT POLITICAL STIR IN KUWAIT, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BRING CLOSER TO SURFACE THE APPARENTLY UNRESOLVED ISSUE OF WHOM THE RULING FAMILY WOULD CHOOSE AS NEXT CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.  
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